State has been divided into 38 zones and Settlement enquiries have been completed in 33 zones and are in progress in the remaining 5 zones. The work is expected to be completed in all the Zones by the end of February 1964. A substantial increase in revenue to Government is expected from the Revision Settlement after the proposed revised rates are given effect to.

CITY SURVEY

The important Towns in Belgaum Division were surveyed under the City Survey System and are now under maintenance. It is necessary to take up the City Survey of Bangalore City and other cities and some important towns. A scheme for the introduction of the City Survey in Bangalore City as recommended by the Metropolitan Planning Board constituted by the Government in connection with the preparations of a Master Plan for Bangalore City, is under the consideration of Government. This scheme will be taken on hand soon. City Survey will be introduced in the other larger Towns and Cities as early as possible according to a phased programme which will be drawn up after the new Land Revenue Act is brought into force.

STAMPS AND REGISTRATION

The General set-up of administration of the Department of Stamps and Registration was common among the 4 integrating States, *viz.*, old Mysore Area, Bombay–Karnatak area, Hyderabad Area and Coorg while, Madras had a different administrative set-up. A uniform Law applicable to the entire State was introduced in the early part of the year 1957, so as to secure a uniform pattern of administration throughout the State.

Under the Mysore Stamp (Amendment) Act, 1962 the rate of Stamp Duty leviable was increased by 50 per cent with effect from 1st October 1962 with a view to augmenting the resources of the State. There has been an increase of revenue to an extent of Rs. 48 lakhs from this source. Similarly, a uniform table of rates of Registration fee for the entire State of Mysore was introduced with effect from 2nd January 1963. Increase in revenue to the e tent of about Rs. 5.00 lakhs is anticipated as a consequence of such revision.

FOOD DEPARTMENT

Five thousand tonnes of rice were allotted to the State by the Government of India for the year 1963. This rice was distributed through fair price shops in the scarcity affected areas of the State and in the Project areas. No allotment has been given by the Government of India for the year 1964. A monthly allotment of 10,16 tonnes of wheat was being allotted to the State by the Government of India and this allotment has been continued. This is being distributed through Co-operative Societies and Fair Price Shops functioning all over the State.

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There are 5,548 licensed dealers in the State. The consumption of wheat is being popularised in the rice consuming areas.

The Department is entrusted with the implementation of the Food Grains Dealers Licensing Order, Sugar Control Order, 1963, Gur (Control, Order, 1963. A monthly quota of 9,000 tonnes of sugar is being allotted to the State by the Government of India. This is allocated among the several districts keeping in view the requirements of the several areas on *per capita* basis and the distribution is being done through the Co-operative Societies, other institutions and private recognised dealers. There are 692 licensed wholesale sugar dealers in all in the State of whom 335 are co-operative societies, 64 other institutions and 293 other licensees. There are 4,387 authorised retail sugar dealers of whom 2,068 are Co-operative Societies, 272 other institutions and 2,047 other authorised private retail dealers.

According to the Gur Control Order promulgated by the Government of India with effect from 31st October 1963, monthly export and import quotas allotted by the Government of India are being distributed to several districts of the State. For the month of February 1964, the Government of India have allotted an export quota of 5,500 tonnes of gur to be exported to the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Kerala. The Government of India have also allotted an import quota of 1,000 tonnes of gur from Madras and Andhra Pradesh to be secured by direct negotiations between this State and those two States.

The State Government are encouraging well managed Co-operative Societies to purchase paddy/rice in the open market so as to have a buffer stock for release at a later period when there is an indication of upward trend of prices in the market.

ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT

Five sets of Acts are prevailing in the several areas of the State.

A draft uniform law applicable to all the areas of Mysore State has been introduced in the Legislature and the Bill has been referred to a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses of the Legislature.

MUSLIM WAKFS' BOARD

Government in their Order No. RD. 8 CWF 61, dated 2nd December 1961 sanctioned the scheme of Survey of Wakf's properties in the State. The survey work is now in progress.

DEVELOPMENT OF SRAVANABELAGOLA, BILIGIRI RANGAN HILLS AND MAHADESWARA TEMPLE

Government have recently constituted *ad hoc* Committees to examine the facilities that are now existing at Sravanabelagola, Sri B. R. Hills and Sri Mahadeswara Temple and the further facilities that are to